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[REDACTED] of the Psychological Strategy Board asked advice and recommendations in connection with PSB's probable legislative problems. I pointed out that they were twofold and complex. The first aspect related to legislative authorization for the Board. This is crucial in view of the Comptroller General's Office's attitude that their support of the Board in its present form is conditioned on presentation of the problem to Congress at the earliest opportunity. The first question here is whether PSB wished to approach Congress for basic statutory authority. If so, there are the complex problems of which committee to approach and how to plan the approach. Also involved is coordination with the Bureau of the Budget and the Comptroller General. If formal statutory authorization is not desired an alternative might be to request an open appropriation which would permit the Board to operate much in the manner of OSS. The other major aspect of the problem is the continuing day-to-day relations of the Board with Congress and of the release of information to the legislative branch. This, too, requires preparation of a program and consideration of the basic approach to the members of Congress and committees who or which would be appropriate. Above, all, I emphasized that any approach to the Congress by PSB automatically involved this Agency and its relations with the Congress and that there must be the closest coordination and agreement on the programs that were evolved. [REDACTED] agreed and proposed that they try to clarify their views and then bring them back to CIA for discussion.

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